

Senate File 2251 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the psychiatric bed tracking system.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 to require the state mental health institutes and hospitals
2 licensed to provide inpatient psychiatric treatment required to
3 participate in the psychiatric bed tracking system to report
4 the acuity of disability the hospital or facility is able to
5 accept and treat in its program for each reporting period. The
6 department is required to establish the measure of acuity and
7 include mental health, mental disability, behavioral health,
8 substance use disorder, and other related categories. The
9 lowest category shall represent the lowest acuity level, and
10 the highest category shall represent the highest acuity level.

11 The bill directs the department to coordinate with the
12 department of public health and other departments as determined
13 necessary or appropriate to study expanding or procuring and
14 implementing enhancements to the inpatient psychiatric bed
15 tracking system that can accept real-time electronic data from
16 the state mental health institutes and hospitals licensed to
17 provide inpatient psychiatric treatment required to participate
18 in the system. The bill requires the department to report
19 on the progress of the study to the governor and the general
20 assembly by December 15, 2018.

21 The bill further directs the department to collaborate with
22 Medicaid managed care organizations to research the feasibility
23 and implementation of real-time reimbursement for providers of
24 inpatient psychiatric hospital services. The department shall
25 report the results of such research to the governor and general
26 assembly by December 15, 2018.